

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 6 June 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the Chair from item 2 onwards)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman	Julian Jones
Sarah Carney	Anne Rickard
Kelvin Clayton	Dave Rickard

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk), Penny Jones (Jurassic Fibre) and one member of the public.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dave Bolwell be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2022/2023.

Councillor Dave Bolwell assumed the Chair.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke at the Public Forum.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Bark and Barry Irvine.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by councillors.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ian Bark be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2022/2023.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Responding to a question arising from the minutes, the Town Clerk reported that he had been informed that sufficient volunteers had been identified to form a committee of the Royal British Legion Bridport Branch. As well as enabling the branch to be removed from its 'county administration' status, this should allow the British Legion Hall to reopen for community use.

6. JURASSIC FIBRE

Penny Jones gave a presentation on the rollout of full fibre broadband in Bridport. Ms Jones introduced the company, and the current status of broadband in Bridport. She

set out Jurassic Fibre's plans for the rollout of full fibre broadband provision, and details of the broadband packages on offer to prospective customers.

- Members discussed:
- Whether a 'half price for life' offer to new customers would be available to residents not currently covered by Jurassic Fibre's provision. Ms Jones advised it would not.
- Whether cabling would need to be fed into each individual property wishing to receive broadband from Jurassic Fibre. Ms Jones confirmed this to be the case; Jurassic would use BT Openreach's ducting where possible, but some properties would require light digging and wayleaves could also be required. She added that there would be minimal impact on public areas, and the provision would improve existing infrastructure.
- Whether Jurassic Fibre's plans would incorporate capacity to meet future needs, to ensure access for all. Ms Jones advised that she would respond in writing to this query, following further investigation.
- Whether other broadband providers would be able to use the cabling installed by Jurassic Fibre. Ms Jones said this would not be possible, but that she would check.
- Help available in rural areas. Ms Jones advised that Jurassic Fibre would offer support, and that the contact was Steve Harris.
- The location of Jurassic Fibre's call centre. Ms Jones confirmed it was in Exeter.

The Chairman thanked Ms Jones for her presentation.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in Column 4 of the attached [schedule A](#) be forwarded to Dorset Council.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3710.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

9. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the terms of reference for the Working Group be confirmed and the dates for the Working Group meetings be approved, as tabled with the agenda.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that revised plans for the Foundry Lea development had been submitted by the applicant.

Cllr Sarah Carney reported that on 22 June she would be meeting with Matthew Piles, Corporate Director Economic Growth & Infrastructure at Dorset Council. This was as a follow-up to a discussion at a planning forum hosted by Dorset Council.

The meeting closed at **9.03pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 27 June 2022